



# Tyngsborough Board of Health

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## **Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2012**

**Members Present:** Sheila Perrault (SP), Christopher Mellen (CM), Bernadette Harper, Pat Quinn (PQ), Tracie Looney (TL)

**Also Present:** Kerri C. Oun (KO) – Health Agent, Karen Steeves (KS) – Administrator Assistant, Matt Waterman (MW) – Landtech Consultant

**6:10 Meeting Opened:**

Vice Chair BH opened meeting

**6:10 Meeting Minutes:**

**BH:** Made motion to accept meeting minutes from June 11, 2012.

**CM:** Second the motion

**Vote:** yes – 5 no – 0

**6:11 Health Agent's Report**

**Mosquito:** Health Agent KO reported that Tyngsborough is not part of the Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program (MMCP). To be part of the program, the Town has to be voted in. KO has contacted the MMCP and they have sent her a package. The package was given to TA.

**Pertussis:** An increased number of cases in Massachusetts.

**Long Pond and Blue Green Algae:** BOH has received calls from residents regarding dead fish washing up on shore. KO inspected and found that to be true. The State advised that BOH issued an advisory. KO has put the advisory on line and posted on telephone poles in the neighborhood.

**22 Althea Ave.:** Case is still in court and is being heard in front of the judge. KO was in court today and a continuance was granted by the judge.

**6:16 Dumpster:**

KS has received complaint about the cardboard dumpster at the Elementary School. She showed pictures taken with her phone to the Board. The pictures showed coolers, bags of trash, huge boxes with wrapping paper and another box with empty bottles. DPW, BOH, and

Amy Schade have been out there to clean up the dumpster area. Jim Hustins at DPW has reluctantly volunteered to have dumpster to be placed near the sand shed at DPW. Permission has to be obtained from the selectman. The Middle School has overflowing issues with vendors dropping off cardboard. SP suggested to remove the dumpster for period of time to see if the dumpsters will be missed and to inform the residents that they have been removed and BOH in process of searching for new location. TL commented that this is worse than she had ever seen and part of problem may be traffic flow of people coming to the events. BOH has received calls from the middle school reporting overflow. CM wanted to make separate motion because he has not been to the Middle School to see the dumpster. Discussion to be continued.

**6:25 Olive Garden**

Dale McKinnon (DM) was present on behalf of Olive Garden. DM reported that Olive Garden presently has proposed pre-bid meeting with 4 contractors. Olive will be asking for bid Tuesday or Wednesday of the following week. They want to move along as soon as possible due to lateness of the year. Geoff will be making the decision. If accept bid on following Tues., DM hope to have decision made by Geoff Robillard of Olive Garden by Wednesday and by the following week hoping to have a start by date. KS commented that she was under the impression that the job had gone to bid and waiting for figures to come in. DM said that 2 of the contractors that they have lined up cannot make meeting. SP asked if the 4 contractors are viable to install system. DM commented that they are. KS asked if pumping has been done. KO mentioned that she has received email that pumping was to be done today. MW commented that the paving plant shutdown is around Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. If get in early Oct., that would give them about 6 weeks. PQ has concerns that this has been going for quite a while and all the bidding was supposed to be done by this meeting. MW is not aware of any discharge since last meeting. DM will go by the site to inspect for discharge. KO recommended to the Board to increase pumping to every week if things are not moving along. TL asked for timeframe of putting in the system. DM estimated 4-6 weeks. He wanted to install fast system in field 2 first and have it operating before starting work on the other system. DM will be having meeting and will be glad to call or email if everything is not moving according to schedule. MW recommended requiring the start date to be part of the bid packet. DM agreed. He will go to check on the site, will email tomorrow for the turnaround time and pumping record. DM asked if assuming that they start construction, does he have to show up for the meeting. KO recommended that he should to update the Board as to how are they moving along.

**6:45 342 Middlesex Road**

Patrick and Michelle Larkin are present as buyers of 342 Middlesex Rd. The property is under contract. They want to buy, renovate, and sell the property. They have received a passing title V report but BOH has sent a letter stating that the system violated one or more of the failure criteria. The report stated that the pipes should be replaced. Per MW, title V should say conditional pass due to the conditions set forth. MW spoke to DEP and DEP agreed that it should have said conditional pass. MW spoke with Carl Greenwood and he is

comfortable for Carl Greenwood to replace the pipes. MW will inspect pipe replacement before he approves the Title V. Mr. Lock has the DEP report for the chemical spill clean-up. There was a fire on the property and there were chemical on property during fire and DEP has gotten involved and oversee the clean-up process. CM had concerns with the chemical clean-up report stating that the clean-up is limited to the garage and not in the house.

**BH:** Made motion to give permit to start installation of pipes and approval of Title V pending MW's review and approval.

**PQ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Vote:** Yes – 4, No-1 (CM)

### **7:12 Olive Garden Update**

DM came back to update the Board. He has inspected the site and there is no break-out. He has also spoke to Geoff Robillard and Mr. Robillard had informed DM that it will be Friday that the contract will be awarded. DM does not have a confirmation for the pumping but will email the BOH.

### **7:13 Dumpster (Continued)**

SP welcomed the Recycling Committee, Diana Keohane (DK) and Steve Berthiaume (SB). DH gave the Board the history of the cardboard dumpsters at the Elementary and Middle School. The recycling committee had worked with the trash company (BFI) to place the dumpsters at the 2 locations with no cost to the Town. The Town does not get tonnage credit for paper. The recycling committee was to maintain the dumpsters. In the past, Joan Ferrari (the former BOH Administrator), would call the recycling committee when BOH receive complaints. KS and KO were not aware of this. DK claimed not to be aware of this issue except when Amy Schade had to clean it up. KS pointed out that DK had contacted the BOH office before regarding the issue. DPW had been to the Elementary School to clean up the dumping. BOH had put notification on local channel, Town's website, and Neighbor to Neighbor of this ongoing issue at the Elementary School. From the pictures KS took, this notification did not deter illegal dumping but seemed to get worse. CM asked if Middle School has been getting complaints. KS has received complaints from the School. George Trearchis from the school department has complained that the businesses have been using the cardboard dumpster at the Middle School that sometimes the school was not able to use it. Middle school can keep dumpster as long as they are willing to take care of dumpster. BOH has asked the Town to place it on Town Hall parking lot but was denied. Fire Station and Police Station do not have space for dumpster and the Winslow School does not have anyone to oversee and monitor.

**CM:** Made motion to temporarily remove cardboard dumpster from Elementary School until the Board can find another location.

**TL:** 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

**Vote:** yes – 5 no-0

**BH:** made motion to temporarily remove cardboard dumpster from Middle School until we can find another location.

**PQ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

**Vote:** Yes-5 No-0

PQ suggested informing the residents the reasons for removal through Neighbor to Neighbor, the Town's website, and the cable channel.

### **7:30 Recycling Subcommittee:**

DK wanted to know the process of how compost bins are purchased. There are about 3 or 4 compost bins left and want to restock the compost bin. KS explained that the compost bins can be purchased from a revolving account. KO explained that DEP at one time had given a grant for compost bin. The Town was supposed to sell to the public for half price. The money collected would be used to buy more compost bins until the money is gone. KS is not aware of how Joan Ferrari had set things up in the past. KS had bought new batch of composters with recycling account and continued to sell them at same price (\$40). DK and the recycling committee will be promoting compost bins. DK is concerned that BOH would run out of compost bins. BH asked how many were sold last year. Per KS, 2 were sold. DK was under the impression that a whole pallet has to be bought. KS believed that she had bought 10 or 20 the last time she bought composters. DK suggested to store at Tyngsborough Garden but KS said that the last time that was done, some of the compost bins and parts were missing. Kitchen buckets were warped when stored at the Winslow. DK suggested giving the rest of scrap buckets out for free and would like to put a flyer out as to where to get better buckets.

SB presented the goals and plans of the recycling committee for fiscal FY13:

- Expand recycling to 40Bs and small businesses through programs and awareness
- Increase compost and recycling in Town through education, promotional video, newsletter, and movie night.
- Increase participation in Town clean-up through earlier advertisement, make the whole month of April as Earth Month instead of just one week, and involve different organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club.
- Want to get banner for Earth Month.

To accomplish these goals, the subcommittee requested a maximum budget for the following items:

- Bi-annual newsletter through Neighbor to Neighbor - \$1300 **or**
- Newsletter through tax bill - \$300
  - Will need selectman approval
- Banner for Earth Month - \$150.
- Movie Night for 3 nights - \$150.

Total maximum budget requested is \$1600 if they decided to do the newsletter through Neighbor to Neighbor or \$600 if they decided to mail the newsletter with the tax bill.

**BH:** Made motion to approve the budget requested  
**TL:** Second the motion  
**Vote:** yes - 4            CM abstained

**7:52 Administrative Assistant's Report**

**Flu Clinic:** KS had attended a training seminar on Flu Clinic billing. There are changes this year. UMass Medical is the new company that will be doing the billing and the rate is based on a percentage rate. Medicare will be charging new customers \$532 and will eventually re-evaluate existing customers (like Tyngsborough). The re-evaluation will also be \$532. Towns may apply for hardship to have the fee waived. Mass Health billing can also be done through UMass Medical for a fee. We also have to re-evaluate the set-up at the Senior Centers. The set-up was too confusing with people in different rooms. KS has asked KO to look into getting MRC volunteers who are familiar with the forms to help out at the flu clinic. Last year, many of the forms were filled out wrong and was not able to be submitted. BH and SP felt they need to re-visit the issue next year because flu clinic may be going away.

**Trash:** KS informed the board that trash is going up. # of bulky stickers and extra toter has gone up. At one time, former Health Administrator had noted that the toter should be at \$200. Suggest the Board to raise the price of the toter to encourage the residents to recycle more and deter from getting the extra trash toter. Bulky sticker prices are the same for all items regardless of the size and some of the smaller items such as end tables, chairs and toys are not charged and can be disposed for free. CM volunteered to get prices from the surrounding towns for what they are charging the residents for bulky items. This year trash bill is going up in comparison to the last year. Reason for the increase may be due to the increase in tonnage and increase in fuel price. KS estimated that there are about 75 extra trash toters plus additional trash toters that the Board had to give to the residents who reported their trash toter was stolen or when they moved in, the trash toter was not at their place of residence. It is hard to find out how many households have extra toter except the ones that KS currently has on file. KO said that Town of Hudson issued a different color cover for extra toter to distinguish that the toter is bought and issued by the Town. SP agreed that the Board need to raise the price of the extra toter and re-visit the issue of re-evaluating the price of bulky sticker.

**8:16 Motion to adjourn**

**BH:** made motion to adjourn  
**PQ:** 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
**Vote:** yes - 5 no - 0